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Amendments to the Claims:

1.-21. (cancelled)

22. (previously presented) A flashing for use in a portal installation in an opening defined by a sill and jambs extending therefrom, the flashing comprising:

a base member having first and second generally flat portions which are joined to each other to define a right angle corner therebetween, said first and second portions defining respective inner surfaces which are disposed on the inside of the right angled corner and outer surfaces which are disposed on the outside of the right angled corner and so that the outer surfaces are parallel to and face oppositely from respective ones of the inner surfaces, with the first and second portions each having parallel opposite end edges, and with the end edges of the first portion lying in respective common planes with the end edges of the second portion,

a front face plate extending from end edges of the first and second portions which lie in a common plane, with the front face plate lying in said common plane, and

a plurality of channels disposed in the inner surface of at least one of the first and second portions for directing water toward and through the front face plate, with the outer surfaces of the first and second portions each being substantially planar and free of said channels.

23. (previously presented) The flashing according to Claim 22 wherein said channels are disposed in the inner surface of each of the first and second portions of the base member.

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24. (previously presented) The flashing according to Claim 23 wherein ridges are defined between the adjacent channels, with the ridges defining a support surface which lies in a plane which is parallel to the plane of the associated outer surface.

25. (previously presented) The flashing according to Claim 24 wherein the channels do not extend through the end edges of the first and second portions which are opposite the end edges from which the front face plate extends.

26. (currently amended) The flashing according to Claim 24 [[25]] wherein the channels are tapered so as to define an increased depth at the front face plate.

27. (new) The flashing according to Claim 23 wherein the channels do not extend through the end edges of the first and second portions which are opposite the end edges from which the front face plate extends, and wherein the channels are tapered so as to define an increased depth at the front face plate.